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PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No. STK-081

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Title METHODS OF USING BONE MORPHOGENIC
PROTEINS AS BIOMARKERS FOR
DETERMINING CARTILAGE DEGENERATION
AND AGING

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

ADDRESS TO: **Box Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form

2. ☐ Small Entity Status

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
☐ Status established in prior application and is still
proper and desired

3. ☒ Specification and Drawings [Total Pages 57]

- Written Description - (30 pages)
- Claims - (11 pages)
- Abstract - (1 page)
- Sheets of Drawings - (15 sheets)

☐ Formal
☒ Informal

4. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]

- a. ☐ Newly executed (original)
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR
1.63(d))

(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]

5. ☐ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from
which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied
under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the
disclosure of the accompanying application and is
hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☒ Application Data Sheet

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

- ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
☐ CD (2 copies) (identical to computer copy)
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
☐ Power of Attorney

9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations

11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
☐ Drawings [Total Sheets]

12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (specifically itemized)

13. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority
claimed)

14. ☐ Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)

15. ☐ CD in duplicate for large table or computer program

16. ☐ Other:

17. ☐ If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**: Amend the specification by inserting on page 1, before the first line, the sentence:
--This is a

☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. / , filed on , the
entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

Priority to the above application(s) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Prior application information: Examiner: . Group/Art Unit: .

18. ☒ **Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119**

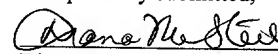
☒ Priority of application Serial No. 60/348,111 filed on November 9, 2001 and Serial No. 60/270,528 filed February 21,
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- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. / on .
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